



STATE LICENSING BOARD FOR RESIDENTIAL AND GENERAL CONTRACTORS

Board Meeting – Both Divisions
August 26, 2020 - Teleconference
Open Session Minutes

The State Licensing Board for Residential and General Contractors met as a full Board (both Divisions) via teleconference on Wednesday, August 26, 2020, for the purpose of conducting Board business.

Members Present

Residential Contractor Division

Ted Noe, Board Vice Chairman and Division Chairman
Jarrett McIntosh, Division Vice Chairman
Robert “Bobby” Cleveland, Jr
William “Bill” Duck
Keeley Nesmith Fennell
Omar Ali

General Contractor Division

Timothy F. Ansley, Board and Division Chairman
Charles “Charlie” Garbutt, Division Vice Chairman
Morgan Wheeler
Eugene C. Dunwoody, Jr
Aaron McWhorter

Staff Present

Deborah Beard, Executive Director
Laura Fremont, Board Support Specialist
Maximillian Changus, Assistant Attorney General
Bryon Thernes, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Thomas McNulty, Assistant Attorney General

Members absent

Residential Contractor Division

Timothy “Andy” Cooper

General Contractor Division

Charles David Moody, Jr

Visitors

Tiffany Hill
Douglas Cash
Rachel Doty

Call Meeting to Order:

At 9:10 a.m., Board Chairman Ansley established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

Open Correspondence:

The Board reviewed open correspondence received. A motion was made by Noe, seconded by McWhorter, and the Board voted to accept the following recommendations. None opposed, motion carried.

Barry Corman with RJ Corman Railroad Services – The information provided is within the scope of practice listed on the Limited Service Specialty Contractor list.

Grant Johnson with OGD Equipment Company LLC – Garage doors fall under the Overhead Doors category on the Traditional Specialty Contractor list.

Discussion:

The House Bill 914 was passed and signed into law. The Board will need to review and may need to make changes to Board rules to stay in compliance with the new law.



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During the rule change process, the Board may wish to remove the section of rules related to exam exemption (grandfathering) since they are expired, and exam is required by law. This change may help with some of the confusion that currently happens when they are read by the public.

2021 Board and Division Meeting Dates:

The following Board meeting dates will be scheduled for 2021:

February 18, 2021

August 11, 2021

The following General Contractor Division Committee meeting dates will be scheduled for 2021:

February 3, 2021

April 7, 2021

May 26, 2021

August 4, 2021

September 15, 2021

November 3, 2021

The following General Contractor Division meeting dates will be scheduled for 2021:

February 10, 2021

April 14, 2021

June 9, 2021

August 11, 2021

September 29, 2021

November 17, 2021

The following Residential Contractor Division Committee meeting dates will be scheduled for 2021:

January 13, 2021

March 10, 2021

April 21, 2021

June 30, 2021

August 18, 2021

October 6, 2021

The following Residential Contractor Division meeting dates will be scheduled for 2021:

January 20, 2021

March 17, 2021

May 5, 2021

July 14, 2021

August 25, 2021

October 13, 2021



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All meetings are currently being conducted by teleconference. State agencies have been tasked with reducing their budgets, therefore boards are being asked to continue conducting board meetings by teleconference. Once the final budget has been set for our office, we may have more information regarding board meetings.

Executive Director's Report:

Deborah Beard, Executive Director provided the Division an update on office operations, due to COVID-19. In response to Governor Kemp's recommendation that state employees work remotely, the Professional Licensing Boards Division has implemented telework options for its staff and, effective March 16, the Professional Licensing Boards Division closed to visitors. Visitors are able to drop off applications and mail, but not able to meet with staff. Constituents are encouraged to utilize web resources for online transactions and to answer frequently asked questions. Constituents may continue to contact the call center at 844-753-7825.

The Board was also provided an update on active licenses as of August 26, 2020. There were 55 General Contractor Limited Tier Individual licenses; 428 General Contractor Limited Tier QA licenses; 355 General Contractor Individual licenses; 4,656 General Contractor Qualifying Agent licenses; 2,149 Residential Basic Individual licenses; 3,599 Residential Basic Qualifying Agent licenses; 1,117 Residential Light Commercial Individual licenses; 2,717 Residential Light Qualifying Agent licenses.

Beard also provided an update on staff operations. The department currently has two vacancies and is unable to fill them due to a state hiring freeze. Therefore, two temporary part-time employees are assisting the department to keep operations moving forward.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Wheeler, seconded by McIntosh, and the Board voted to approve the open session and executive session minutes from the April 22, 2020 Board meeting.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 18, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes recorded and prepared by:

Laura Fremont, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Deborah Beard, Executive Director

TED NOE

Board Chairman

DEBORAH BEARD

Executive Director

These minutes were approved on February 18, 2021.